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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/785,253	Applicant(s) MIMOTO, AKIHIRO	
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 31 October 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-18 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 7-9 and 16-18 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-6 and 10-15 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Response To Arguments

1. Applicant's arguments, see applicant's remarks, filed on 10/31/2006, with respect to the rejection(s) of claims 1-18 under 35 U.S.C § 102(b) and 35 U.S.C § 103(a) have been fully considered and are persuasive. Therefore, the rejection has been withdrawn. However, upon further consideration, a new ground(s) of rejection is made in view of Verster (U.S PAT. 5,214,410) and Su et al. (U.S PAT. 5,212,808 hereinafter "Su").

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

2. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

3. Claims 1-6 and 10-15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Verster (U.S PAT. 5,214,410) in view of Su et al. (U.S PAT. 5,212,808 hereinafter "Su").

Consider claims 1 and 10, Verster teaches a communication comprising: selecting M different numbers (col. 6 lines 21-31); and receiving a signal (col. 1 lines 14-20).

Verster does not explicitly show that clock generating a clock from the signal received by receiving; counting the generated clock; and transmitting information according to the clock count obtained by counting and the selected numbers by selecting.

In the same field of endeavor, Su teaches clock generating a clock from the signal received by receiving (col. 2 lines 11-25); counting the generated clock (col. 2 lines 18-20); and transmitting information according to the clock count obtained by counting and the selected numbers by selecting (col. 14 lines 41-48 and col. 2 lines 11-25).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to use, clock generating a clock from the signal received by receiving; counting the generated clock; and transmitting information according to the clock count obtained by counting and the selected numbers by selecting, as taught by Su, in order to re-establish wireless communication after a communication break, between a base unit and a remote unit, and more particularly wherein the base unit and the remote unit comprise components of a digital cordless phone.

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Consider claims 2 and 11, Verster further teaches generating a plurality of numbers, wherein selecting the numbers generated by generating (col. 6 lines 21-31).

Consider claims 3 and 12, Verster further teaches generating the plurality of numbers upon reception of an information transmission instruction (col. 5 lines 47-57).

Consider claims 4 and 13, Verster further teaches storing L numbers, where $L > M$, wherein selecting M numbers from the L numbers stored in storing (col. 4 lines 35-46).

Consider claims 5 and 14, Verster further teaches transmitting identification information of the communication (col. 1 lines 53-64).

Consider claims 6 and 15, Verster further teaches transmitting the information each time the clock count obtained by said counting matches one of the numbers selected by selecting (col. 4 lines 13-25).

Reasons For Allowance

4. Claims 7-9 and 16-18 are allowed over the prior art record.
5. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

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The applicant's remarks, filed on 10/31/2006, have been carefully reviewed with updated search. Consequently, reasons for allowance of claims 7-9 and 16-18 are set forth in accordance with the applicant's remarks state on pages 6-10. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

6. Any response to this action should be mailed to:

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Maung Nay A. can be reached on (571)272-7882882. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (571) 273-8300.

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